

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3732
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Barbara Stachowski)	Examiner: Robyn Kieu Doan
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Serial No.: 09/742,871)	PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181
)	AND 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) FOR
Filed: December 20, 2000)	ACCEPTANCE OF LATE
)	WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR
For: SYSTEM FOR STYLING HAIR)	<u>NON-PUBLICATION</u>
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Sir:

The applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 AND 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for acceptance of late withdrawal of request for non-publication. It was unintentional that this recession of previous non-publication request and notification of foreign filing was filed late. A petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) of \$650.00 is also enclosed.

Following the introduction of the rules providing for publication of U.S. patent applications, the law firm of Haverstock & Owens LLP instituted two new procedures for docketing entries to prevent an application from being filed in a foreign jurisdiction which automatically publishes while leaving a request for non-publication. First, a docket entry is automatically calendared when a PCT application is filed to check the U.S. parent case and determine whether a request for non-publication was lodged, and if so, to withdraw such request and provide notice of foreign filing. Second, when a U.S. patent application is filed a docket entry is automatically calendared for twelve months from the filing, to remind the responsible attorney at the foreign filing deadline to check whether a foreign application was filed and determine whether a request for non-publication needed to be withdrawn.

A foreign application claiming priority from the application no. 09/742,871 was filed on February 05, 2001. Applicant's Agent inadvertently failed to timely file a recession of previous non-publication request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii) and Notice of Foreign Filing under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) due to a clerical error. Upon discovering the mistake, I immediately prepared this petition. The entire delay in filing the recession of previous non-publication request and notice of foreign filing was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,
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